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Exploits Based on an Inbound Signature of the Exploit and an  
Outbound Signature in Response Thereto  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2005, Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the present application so that the Examiner may reconsider and further examine the rejection of claims in view of the following amendments thereto and the comments as set forth below. Applicants respectfully request favorable action by the Examiner.

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